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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY COUNCIL  
ANALYSIS**

**BILL #:** HB 71C  
**RELATING TO:** Youth Custody Officers  
**SPONSOR(S):** Representative Randy Ball

**TIED BILL(S):**

**ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COUNCIL(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:**

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I. SUMMARY:

This bill eliminates the position of youth custody officer in the Department of Juvenile Justice.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. DOES THE BILL SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

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| 1. <u>Less Government</u>         | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 2. <u>Lower Taxes</u>             | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. <u>Individual Freedom</u>      | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. <u>Personal Responsibility</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. <u>Family Empowerment</u>      | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

B. PRESENT SITUATION:

Chapter 985.2075, F.S. creates the position of youth custody officer in the Department of Juvenile Justice. This section empowers youth custody officers to arrest youth who violate the terms of community supervision.

There are 30 youth custody officers currently established in the department. They are assigned to major urban areas only. According to information from the states personnel system (COPES), 17 of the positions are vacant as of October 23, 2001.

Traditionally, local law enforcement has been responsible for apprehending juvenile offenders who violate community supervision requirements.

The current House budget reduction proposal contains a reduction of 30 positions and \$713,623 from the General Revenue fund associated with the elimination of youth custody officers.

EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill repeals section 985.2075, F.S. which creates youth custody officers. In addition the bill repeals related provisions in Chapter 121 which confer special risk retirement status to youth custody officers.

C. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

See Effect of Proposed Changes above.

III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

The current House budget reduction proposal contains a reduction of 30 positions and \$713,623 from the General Revenue fund associated with eliminating youth custody officers. The annualized impact of this reduction for FY 2002-03 will be \$1,427,246 General Revenue.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

Indeterminate. See fiscal comments.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

While the bill does not directly require local governments to expend funds, local law enforcement in the urban areas that would be served by the youth custody officers will likely experience a workload increase.

IV. CONSEQUENCES OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 18 OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION:

A. APPLICABILITY OF THE MANDATES PROVISION:

While this bill does not directly require counties or municipalities to expend funds, when the current 30 positions are reduced, local sheriffs may experience a workload increase. Since these positions cost the state less than \$1.5 million and the floor for significant impact is \$1.6 million, even if the bill triggered the mandates provision of the Constitution, it would fall under the exemption for insignificant fiscal impact.

B. REDUCTION OF REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY:

This bill does not reduce the authority of municipalities or counties to raise revenue

C. REDUCTION OF STATE TAX SHARED WITH COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES:

This bill does not reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with municipalities or counties.

V. COMMENTS:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

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C. OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

None

VII. SIGNATURES:

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